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Subject: Adequate Yearly Progress Indicators

Commissioner William L. Librera recently conducted a series of roundtable meetings across the state. There were several questions about the calculation of adequate yearly progress (AYP) as required under the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB). In response to these discussions, some additional information about the calculation of AYP using primary and secondary indicators is being provided.

New Jersey uses a total of 40 primary indicators and one secondary indicator upon which AYP is calculated. The primary indicators are grouped under two areas that include the participation rate and student performance of all students on the three state assessments (grades 4, 8, 11). The primary indicators are as follows:

95 % Participation	Student Performance
1. Total	1. Total
2. Students with disabilities	2. Students with disabilities
3. Limited English proficiency	3. Limited English proficiency
4. White	4. White
5. African-American	5. African-American
6. Asian/Pacific Islander	6. Asian/Pacific Islander
7. American Indian/Native American	7. American Indian/Native American
8. Hispanic	8. Hispanic
9. Other	9. Other
10. Economically disadvantaged	10. Economically disadvantaged

These primary indicators are applied to the language arts literacy and mathematics content areas of each state assessment to calculate AYP. When the above list of indicators (10 + 10) is applied to each of the two content areas (language arts literacy and mathematics) of each assessment, the total number of primary indicators equals 40 ($10 + 10 \times 2 = 40$).

In addition to the 40 primary indicators, secondary indicators must also be used to calculate AYP. The secondary indicator used for the state's elementary and middle schools is attendance rate; for high schools it is graduation rate.

More information about the Single Accountability System is posted on the New Jersey Department of Education's web site www.nj.gov/njded/title1.

We appreciate your interest in New Jersey's Single Accountability System. If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact the Office of Title I Program Planning and Accountability at (609) 943-4283.

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